



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)

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Serial No. 08/905,701)

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For: **METHOD OF SEQUENCING COMPUTER
CONTROLLED TASKS BASED ON THE
RELATIVE SPATIAL LOCATION OF
TASK OBJECTS IN A DIRECTIONAL
FIELD**)

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Sir:

In response to the Official Office Action dated March 15, 2000, the following is submitted:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 14 as follows:

1. A method for sequencing a plurality of tasks performed or controlled by a computer, comprising:
 - a) placing task objects in a directional field having a user-changeable directional attribute, wherein said task objects represent the tasks to be performed by said computer; and
 - b) sequencing, by said computer, of one or more of the task objects in the directional field based on the relative spatial location of the task objects in the directional field and the directional attribute of the directional field.